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Local teens named to statewide advisory committee

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Students from Muscatine and Fruitland are among 11 Iowa high school students selected to serve on the inaugural Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council.

Brent Brain, Muscatine, and Hunter Werner, a junior at Louisa-Muscatine High School, will join other students from throughout Iowa as part of the SYBAC program.

The SYBAC has been established by the lowa Communications Network specifically to engage students on a variety of broadband related topics. Throughout the school year, the students will meet with ICN Executive Director Ric Lumbard to discuss the importance of true high-speed broadband to the next generation. Members of the student advisory council will talk about various technology issues like rural connectivity, wireless access, infrastructure, and cyber security.

"It is essential to hear directly from students, since they are not only the future of lowa's tech workforce, but they are Broadband thought leaders for the next generation in lowa," Executive Director Lumbard said. "These students live and breathe technology and it's important to hear their perspectives and listen to their feedback regarding the Internet, we have to bring them to the table."

The committee will meet from October through May via video conference.

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